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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether tender E1590 that deals with the Working on Fire Programme was cancelled on 4 May 2022; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the reasons for the specified cancellation;
- (2) what total number of persons were employed by tender E1590?

2167. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) Tender E1590 refers to the appointment of service providers (SPs) on 36-month contracts during the 2021/22-2023/24 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) window period to assist the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) with the implementation of the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Programmes' Job Creation, Capacity Building and Development Projects and not the Working on Fire Programme. The tender is in the process of being cancelled, as there are no bids that meet the requirement for award per category (as per the Terms of Reference advertised under E1590). The cancellation will be published on the departmental website by 10 June 2022.

- (2) No people were employed by Tender E1590 as it is in the process of being cancelled. The Department will expedite a new tender process. In the meantime, in order to continue to deliver employment and environmental outcomes and ensure uninterrupted services, the Department will appoint single source service providers and extend existing contracts to retain the 17000 jobs until new service providers are appointed through a new tender process.

Regards


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MS B D CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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